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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

Frank W. Pare, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

for the Year 1942

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(to April, 1942)

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(from April, 1942)

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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R. Ratcliffe, A.M.I.C.E.

(from January to April, 1942)

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(from June, 1942)

CLERK

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(from November, 1942)

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1942

To the Chairman and Members of
the Church Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my annual report
on the Health of the District, for the year 1942.

In accordance with the instructions from the Ministry
of Health, many of the usual statistics have been omitted.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births:

	TOTAL	MALES	FEMALES
Legitimate	67	31	36
Illegitimate	5	2	3

Still Births:

Legitimate	6	2	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Deaths:

78	43	35
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Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live-
births:-

Legitimate	13.9
Illegitimate	--
TOTAL	<u>13.9</u>

Deaths from Measles (all ages)...	...	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)...	...	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years)...	...	0

The other certified causes of death were as follows:-

Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	6
Cancer	13
Heart Disease	21
Other circulatory diseases	2
Bronchitis	2
Pneumonia	6
Other respiratory diseases	2
Peptic Ulcer	3
Suicide	2
Other digestive diseases	2
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	9
Nephritis	2
Road Traffic	2
All other causes	5

Tuberculosis:

There were 6 deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis giving a death rate of 1.20 per 1,000.

There were no deaths from other tuberculosis diseases.

The notification of Tuberculosis is thoroughly efficient.

New Cases and Mortality during 1942.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years								
0 -	1		1					
1 -								
5 -								
10 -				1				
15 -	1		1		1			
20 -				1		1		
25 -		2			1	1		
35 -	1							
45 -								
55 -						1		
65 and upwards		1				1		
TOTALS	3	3	2	2	2	4	0	0
	6		4		6		0	

Notifiable Diseases:

Number of cases of infectious disease (excluding tuberculosis) notified, and the number of cases removed to hospital, during the year 1942.

CASES NOTIFIED													
Disease	Years											Total cases	Removed to hospital
	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45			
	1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45		
Scarlet Fever....			1	1	3	5	8					18	7
Measles, excluding German Measles.		1	5	4	5	12	1					28	
Acute Pneumonia.											1	1	
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....										1		1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1											1	
Scabies.....	1								1			2	
	2	1	6	5	8	17	9		1	1	1	51	8

There were no deaths from infectious diseases (excluding tuberculosis).

Nursing Arrangements:

There is one District Nurse available for the general district nursing, but there is no nurse available for infectious diseases. The Church District Nursing Association (Voluntary) provide the District Nurse.

Ambulance Facilities:

The Accrington and Oswaldtwistle Ambulances are available for non-infectious diseases, and accident cases. For infectious cases an ambulance is arranged for as required. The Blackburn Union Ambulance is always available for the conveyance of patients to Queen's Park Hospital.

Hospital Accommodation:

For Smallpox - joint with Oswaldtwistle Urban District Council.

For other infectious diseases - arranged with Blackburn, Darwen and Burnley Corporations as required.

The agreement with Oswaldtwistle Council in regard to the Smallpox Hospital is an annual retaining fee of £5/5/0 per 1,000 population. Three beds being retained for Church. In addition to the retaining fee, the following maintenance charges are made:-

For one patient £8/8/0 per week,

For two patients £6/6/0 per week per patient, and

For three or more patients £5/5/0 per week per patient.

Diphtheria Immunisation:

	Age under 5 years.	Aged 5 years and over but under 15.	Total
Number of children who completed the full course of immunisation during 1942.	23	40	63
Approximate estimated number of children in the area	200	487	687
Percentage of the child population shown, considered immunised at 31st December, 1942.	43%	71.3%	

Number of cases of Diphtheria in children under 15 years of age notified in 1942 -- Nil.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

FRANK W. PARE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,

Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1942

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

The following is a brief report of the duties carried out during the Year.

Mr. R. Ratcliffe, who commenced duties in January, 1942, left the service of the Council in April, 1942, and I commenced duties on the 20th June, 1942.

Also during the year, the Health Department was transferred from the Council Offices to 38, Blackburn Road, which necessitated removal of office furniture and all records of the Department.

Public Cleansing and Salvage:

This service was carried on successfully during the year. Two horse drawn vehicles are used for the collection of household refuse and salvage, which collection is made once weekly.

Communal food bins were placed on the streets for the reception of kitchen waste; these bins are emptied twice weekly by the Accrington Corporation who then cook the food before it is re-sold.

In September, 1942, disused petrol tins were purchased from the Army and were adapted for use as receptacles for the storage of household bones. Immediately these tins were placed on the streets the weight of bones collected was greatly increased.

WEIGHT AND VALUE OF SALVAGE SOLD DURING 1942

Material	Tons	Cwt.	£	s.	d.
Waste Paper	36	19	186	1	6
Kitchen Waste	41	1	36	11	0
Manure	20	9	15	6	0
Bones	1	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	4	13	0
Textiles		16 $\frac{1}{4}$	6	8	0
Jars and Bottles		11 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	3	6
Non-Ferrous Metals		6 $\frac{1}{4}$	8	5	0
Ferrous Metals		9	-	-	-
TOTAL	101	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	259	8	0

The number of movable ashbins is 1846.

There are no ashpits in the District.

Drainage:

11 waste water closets were converted to the fresh water system.

123 choked waste water closets were cleansed by the Council workmen. This number could be reduced if the householders showed a little more care.

Number of privy middens with closets attached	4
Number of waste water closets	1346
Number of fresh water closets	725

Disinfection and Disinfestation:

This work is carried out by the Council foreman.

The steam disinfecter at Oswaldtwistle is used and 17 consignments of bedding or clothing were dealt with at the disinfecting station during the year, 29 rooms were disinfected after infectious disease.

There were very few houses infested with bed-bugs, the treatment consists of spraying with a liquid insecticide and thorough cleansing of all infested rooms.

Housing:

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) Total	...	0
(b) As part of a municipal housing scheme...	...	0

1 - UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

Inspection.

1	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	313
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose..	523
2	(a)	Number of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932. ...	0
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose..	0

3. Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 0

4. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding ^{sub-}heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 313

II - REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. ... 256

III - ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs ... 0

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit:-

(a) By owners ... 0

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... 0

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 4

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied:-

(a) By owners ... 4

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... 0

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... 0

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... 0

D. Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... 0
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... 0

Sanitary Improvements Effected during 1942:

Insanitary or defective sinks replaced by glazed sinks	...	...	1
Defective plaster repaired	...	...	1
Roofs repaired	...	...	7
Rainwater gutters provided or repaired	...	...	34
Deposits of refuse removed	...	...	2
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	...	...	5
Defective dustbins renewed	...	...	32
Drains repaired or reconstructed	...	...	4
Defective windows repaired or renewed	...	...	1
Choked drains cleansed	...	...	7
Gully grates renewed	...	...	2
Water services repaired	...	...	2
Walls repointed or repaired	...	...	2
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	1
Windows provided with new sash cords	...	...	5
Absence handrails	...	...	5
Doors repaired	...	...	2
External walls rendered with water-proof cement	...	...	4
Yard walls repaired or renewed	...	...	3
Hearths repaired	...	...	1
Chimney flues repaired	...	...	1
W.C. seats repaired or renewed	...	...	2
Tipplers repaired or renewed	...	...	5
Rainwater pipes disconnected from drains	...	...	2
Waste pipes renewed	...	...	3

During the Year 313 Preliminary Notices were served, the following defects being recorded:-

Blocked waste water closets	...	...	42
Vermineous premises	...	...	3
Defective tipplers	...	...	18
Defective pipes	...	...	9
Defective roofs	...	...	17
Blocked fresh water closets	...	...	2
Accumulations of refuse	...	...	4
Deficient ventilation	...	...	1
Blocked drains	...	...	18

Defective bins...	53
Defective floors...	2
Defective flushing cisterns	4
Defective W. C. pedestals..	3
Blocked gullies..	3
Defective grates to gullies	4
Defective walls..	15
Defective window cords	14
Defective doors...	6
Defective eaves spoutings and fall pipes...	46
Defective plaster	21
Absent handrails...	8
Defective fireranges...	8
Defective ceilings	4

Slaughter Houses:

There were no slaughter houses used in the District during the year.

Farms:

The four farms on the District have been inspected, special attention being given to the condition of the cowsheds and dairies and these have been found in fairly satisfactory condition. There are no cows at one of the farms.

Milk Sampling.

During the year, 12 samples of milk were obtained and submitted to the Preston Royal Infirmary for analysis. The examinations asked for were:- the Methylene Blue Reductase Test, presence of B. Tuberculosis and presence of B. Coli and in the case of 2 samples of pasteurised milk, the Phosphatase Test.

All these samples were found to be quite satisfactory.

Factories:

The factories have been inspected as to sanitary condition, accommodation and any defects have been dealt with.

Bakehouses:

All bakehouses were inspected during the year and verbal notice had to be given in some cases where lime-washing was overdue.

Food Inspection:

During the year, the following food was condemned:-

48 tins of Milk,

1 tin of Peas, and

378 tins of Beans.

Offensive Trades:

Regular visits were paid to the tallow-melting works and some improvement was shown during the year.

Water Supply:

Water is supplied by the Accrington & District Gas and Water Board and the Oswaldtwistle Urban District Council.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

H. WOODCOCK

Sanitary Inspector